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SUBJECT: MLB-MLBPA YOUTH DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION GRANT – APPLICATION SUBMITTED FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO THE GILBERT LINDSAY RECREATION CENTER BASEBALL FIELD; ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT FUNDS; APPROVAL TO REMOVE AND REPLACE FENCING AND HARDWARE ALONG THE BACKSTOP AND DUGOUTS AND MAKE REPAIRS TO FENCING ALONG FOUL LINES AND OUTFIELD AT THE GILBERT LINDSAY RECREATION CENTER BASEBALL FIELD - CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION FROM THE PROVISIONS OF THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA) PURSUANT TO ARTICLE III, SECTION 1, CLASS 1(1) [EXTERNAL ALTERATIONS OF EXISTING STRUCTURES WITH NEGLIGIBLE EXPANSION OF USE] AND CLASS 2(2) [REPLACEMENT OF EXISTING STRUCTURES WITH A NEW STRUCTURE OF SUBSTANTIALLY THE SAME SIZE AND PURPOSE] OF CITY CEQA GUIDELINES AND ARTICLE 19, SECTIONS 15301(a) AND 15302(b) OF CALIFORNIA CEQA GUIDELINES

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_____ **General Manager**

Approved X Disapproved _____ Withdrawn _____

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Approve the submission by the Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP) of a grant application to the MLB-MLBPA Youth Development Foundation (MLB-YDF) through their Baseball Tomorrow Fund (BTF) in the amount of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) toward replacing the backstop fencing at the Gilbert Lindsay Recreation Center baseball field (Grant), which was submitted without prior Mayor or Council approval due to this being a competitive grant with notice of funding availability being published less than 61 days in advance of the application deadline, pursuant to Los Angeles Administrative Code Section 14.6 et seq. as may be amended;
2. Authorize RAP's General Manager or designee to accept and receive the awarded Grant in the amount of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) from MLB-YDF in support of replacing the backstop fencing at the Gilbert Lindsay Recreation Center baseball field, subject to the approval of the Mayor and City Council;
3. Approve the scope of work for the project to remove and replace fencing along the backstop and dugouts, and repair fencing along the foul lines and outfield at the Gilbert Lindsay Recreation Center Baseball Field, as described in this Report (Project);

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4. Determine that the Project is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Article III, Section 1, Class 1(1) [external alterations of existing structures with negligible expansion of use] and Class 2(2) [replacement of existing structures with a new structure of substantially the same size and purpose] of City CEQA Guidelines and Article 19, Sections 15301(a) and 15302(b) of California CEQA Guidelines and authorize RAP's Chief Accounting Employee to prepare a check to the Los Angeles County Clerk in the amount of \$75.00 for the purpose of filing a Notice of Exemption (NOE);
5. Direct RAP staff to transmit a copy of the Grant documents to the Mayor in accordance with Executive Directive 3 (Villaraigosa Series), Office of the City Administrative Officer (CAO), Office of the Chief Legislative Analyst (CLA), and the City Clerk for Council Committee and City Council approval of Grant, pursuant to Los Angeles Administrative Code Section 14.6 et seq. as may be amended;
6. Designate RAP's General Manager, Chief Accounting Employee, or Assistant General Manager, as the agent to conduct all negotiations, execute and submit all documents, including but not limited to applications, agreements, amendments, and payment requests, which may be necessary for the acceptance and use of Grant funds;
7. Authorize RAP's Chief Accounting Employee or designee to establish the necessary account and/or to appropriate funding received within "Recreation and Parks Grant" Fund 205 to accept the Grant funds in the amount of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) toward the replacement of backstop fencing at the Gilbert Lindsay Recreation Center baseball field; and,
8. Authorize RAP's Chief Accounting Employee or designee to make any technical corrections as necessary to carry out the intent of this Board Report.

SUMMARY

On July 19, 2019, the Los Angeles Dodgers Foundation (LADF) proposed that RAP submit an application to MLB-YDF for renovation of the baseball facilities at the Gilbert Lindsay Recreation Center. The MLB-YDF was created jointly by Major League Baseball and the Major League Baseball Players Association with the intention of increasing participation and expanding youth access to baseball and softball. LADF nominated the Gilbert Lindsay Recreation Center baseball field for a field maintenance clinic and advocated for RAP to receive grant funds from MLB-YDF toward improvements of the baseball facilities. RAP submitted a grant application to MLB-YDF through LADF on August 29, 2019. RAP received notification on October 11, 2019, from MLB-YDF of a grant award in the amount of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000). RAP received an executed grant agreement on December 9, 2019, stating that "The grant will be awarded for the sole purpose of removal and replacement of backstop baseball field fencing located at the Gilbert Lindsay Recreation Center used to improve safety". The deadline to utilize these grant funds is January 15, 2020.

PROJECT SCOPE

These grant funds, along with the allocated maintenance budget, will be utilized to remove and replace the deteriorated chain link fencing surrounding the existing baseball backstop, as well as

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along the dugouts at Gilbert Lindsay Recreation Center, located at 429 E. 42nd Place, Los Angeles. Repairs will also be made to the fence along the foul lines and the outfield. The Gilbert Lindsay Recreation Center fencing is in need of refurbishment to ensure a safe and welcoming environment for the surrounding communities. Replacing deteriorating chain link fencing around the baseball field will improve the safety and aesthetic, which will increase the number of youth that will want to participate in baseball and softball programs. Newly refurbished fencing will attract families to the ball field and also help gain interest in Gilbert Lindsay youth sports programs.

The Project scope is as follows:

- Remove and replace 60' x 9' x 6 ga. kk galvanized chain link on backstop
- Remove and replace 200' x 10' x 9 ga. chain link along dugouts; replace any missing hardware
- Repair 200' x 10' along both foul lines
- Add 200' of 15/8" O.D. middle rail with hardware; patch any holes
- Stretch retie 100' each, side foul line
- Provide and install 6" yellow plastic safety cap on approximately 300' of 4' outfield fence and tighten up all 4' fence; replace any missing hardware

FISCAL IMPACT

Acceptance of this Grant will provide essential funding to augment the maintenance budget. The total cost to complete the project scope is \$24,875. Funding has been allocated from the Contractual Maintenance fund to supplement the \$10,000 grant award in order to complete the replacement and repairs of fencing at Gilbert Lindsay Recreation Center baseball field.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

The proposed Project consists of external modifications of an existing structure with negligible or no expansion of use and of the replacement of an existing structure with a new structure of substantially the same size and capacity. As such, RAP staff recommends that the Board determines that it is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Article III, Section 1, Class 1(1) and Class 2(2), of City CEQA Guidelines and Article 19, Sections 15301(a) and 15302(b) of California CEQA Guidelines. An NOE will be filed with the Los Angeles County Clerk upon Board's approval.

STRATEGIC PLAN INITIATIVES AND GOALS

Approval of this Board Report advances RAP's Strategic Plan by supporting:

Goal No. 1: Provide safe and accessible parks

Outcome No. 1: Safe and welcoming environments at all parks

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